

What is claimed:

1. An isolated nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of:
- 5 a) a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 60% homologous to a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98452, the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98633, or the nucleotide sequence of the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number _____, or a complement thereof;
- 10 b) a nucleic acid molecule comprising a fragment of at least 1000 nucleotides of a nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98452, the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98633, or the nucleotide sequence of the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number _____, or a complement thereof;
- 15 c) a nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least about 60% homologous to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:14, or SEQ ID NO:21, the amino acid sequence encoded by the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98452, the amino acid sequence encoded by the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98633, or the amino acid sequence encoded by the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with the ATCC as Accession Number _____;
- 20 d) a nucleic acid molecule which encodes a fragment of a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:21, the polypeptide encoded by the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98452, the polypeptide encoded by the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98633, or the nucleotide sequence of the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number _____,
- 25 wherein the fragment comprises at least 15 contiguous amino acid residues of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:21, the polypeptide encoded by the DNA insert of the
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plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98452, the polypeptide encoded by the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98633, or the polypeptide encoded by the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with the ATCC as Accession Number _____; and

5 e) a nucleic acid molecule which encodes a naturally occurring allelic variant of a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:21, the polypeptide encoded by the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98452, the polypeptide encoded by the DNA insert of the
10 plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98633, or the nucleotide sequence of the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number _____, wherein the nucleic acid molecule hybridizes to a nucleic acid molecule comprising SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID
15 NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98452, the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98633, or the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with Accession Number _____ under stringent conditions.

20 2. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 which is selected from the group consisting of:

 a) a nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22,
25 the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98452, the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98633, or the nucleotide sequence of the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number _____, or a complement thereof; and

30 b) a nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:21, the polypeptide encoded by the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98452, the polypeptide encoded by the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession
35 Number 98633, or the polypeptide encoded by the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with the ATCC as Accession Number _____.

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Accession Number 98452, the polypeptide encoded by the DNA insert of the
plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98633, or the polypeptide
encoded by the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession
Number _____;

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b) a fragment of a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence
of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID
NO:21, the polypeptide encoded by the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited
with ATCC as Accession Number 98452, the polypeptide encoded by the DNA
insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98633, or the
nucleotide sequence of the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as
Accession Number _____, wherein the fragment comprises at least 15
contiguous amino acids of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID
NO:14, SEQ ID NO:21, the polypeptide encoded by the DNA insert of the
plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98452, the polypeptide
encoded by the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession
Number 98633, or the polypeptide encoded by the DNA insert of the plasmid
deposited with ATCC as Accession Number _____; and

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c) a naturally occurring allelic variant of a polypeptide comprising
the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ
ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:21, the polypeptide encoded by the DNA insert of the
plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98452, the polypeptide
encoded by the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession
Number 98633, or the nucleotide sequence of the DNA insert of the plasmid
deposited with ATCC as Accession Number _____, wherein the polypeptide is
encoded by a nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes to a nucleic acid molecule
comprising SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID
NO:7, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID
NO:22, the nucleotide sequence of the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with
ATCC as Accession Number 98452, the nucleotide sequence of the DNA insert
of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as Accession Number 98633, or the
nucleotide sequence of the DNA insert of the plasmid deposited with ATCC as
Accession Number _____ under stringent conditions;

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comprising culturing the host cell of claim 5 under conditions in which the
nucleic acid molecule is expressed.

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13. A method for detecting the presence of a polypeptide of claim 8 in a sample comprising:

- a) contacting the sample with a compound which selectively binds to the polypeptide; and
- 5 b) determining whether the compound binds to the polypeptide in the sample to thereby detect the presence of a polypeptide of claim 8 in the sample.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the compound which binds to the
10 polypeptide is an antibody.

15. A kit comprising a compound which selectively binds to a polypeptide of claim 8 and instructions for use.

16. A method for detecting the presence of a nucleic acid molecule in claim 1
15 in a sample comprising:

- a) contacting the sample with a nucleic acid probe or primer which selectively hybridizes to the nucleic acid molecule; and
- 20 b) determining whether the nucleic acid probe or primer binds to a nucleic acid molecule in the sample to thereby detect the presence of a nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 in the sample.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein the sample comprises mRNA
25 molecules and is contacted with a nucleic acid probe.

18. A kit comprising a compound which selectively hybridizes to a nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 and instructions for use.

19. A method for identifying a compound which binds to a polypeptide of
30 claim 8 comprising:

- a) contacting the polypeptide, or a cell expressing the polypeptide with a test compound; and
- b) determining whether the polypeptide binds to the test compound.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein the binding of the test compound to the
35 polypeptide is detected by a method selected from the group consisting of:

- a) detection of binding by direct detection of test compound/polypeptide binding;
- b) detection of binding using a competition binding assay; and
- c) detection of binding using an assay for Dkk activity.

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21. A method of modulating the activity of a polypeptide of claim 8 comprising contacting the polypeptide or a cell expressing the polypeptide with a compound which binds to the polypeptide in a sufficient concentration to modulate the activity of the polypeptide.

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22. A method for identifying a compound which modulates the activity of a polypeptide of claim 8 comprising:

- a) contacting a polypeptide of claim 8 with a test compound; and
- b) determining the effect of the test compound on the activity of the polypeptide to thereby identify a compound which modulates the activity of the polypeptide.

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